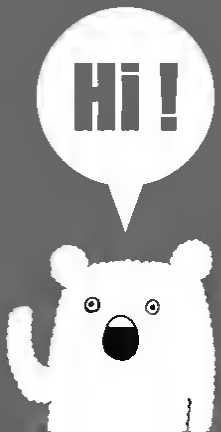
Hi !

Chapter 11

I FOUND OUT WHY AMATOU-KUN HASN'T MADE ANY FRIENDS SO FAR.

"I spent the rest of middle school by myself"

"But during our third year of middle school, Yuushin started avoiding me out of nowhere"

"It became hostile and tense. It was terrible."

He'll be confront-ing
the very reason for it.

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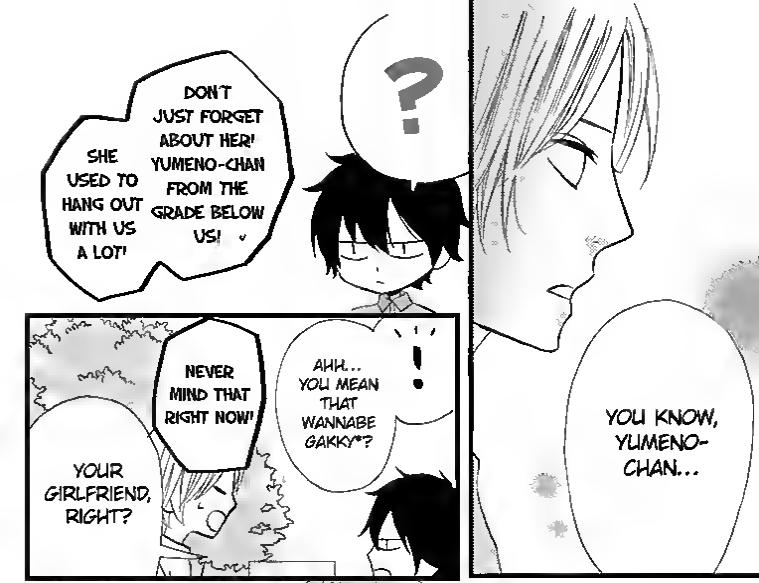
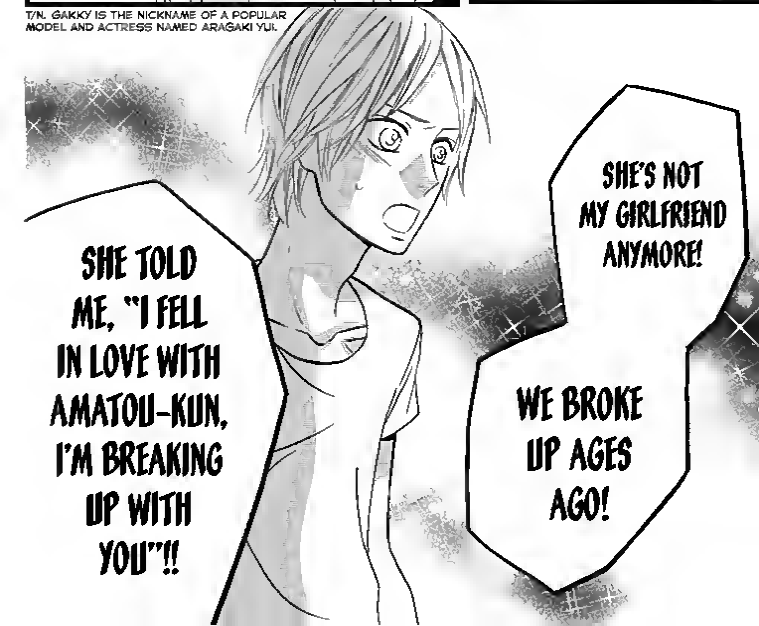
OH, HEY! LONG TIME NO SEE, HARUTO!
YOU ENTERED A BOARDING SCHOOL, RIGHT?
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
Huh?
He's so friendly!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
ARE YOU GOING TO ACT LIKE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED?
QUIT PRETEND-ING.

...YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, HUH.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
DID YOU SERIOUSLY COME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO ASK SOME-THING?
WHY IS IT LIKE HE'S TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO...?!!
THIS MIGHT COME A BIT LATE,
BUT I'M HERE TO ASK WHY YOU STARTED IGNORING ME BACK THEN.
JUST GIVE ME A REASON FOR IT.


YOU KNOW, YUMENO-CHAN...
?
DON'T JUST FORGET ABOUT HER! YUMENO-CHAN FROM THE GRADE BELOW US!
SHE USED TO HANG OUT WITH US A LOT!
AHH... YOU MEAN THAT WANNABE GAKKY*?
NEVER MIND THAT RIGHT NOW!
YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?

T/N. GAKKY IS THE NICKNAME OF A POPULAR MODEL AND ACTRESS NAMED ARAGAKI YUI.



WHAT?! NO WAY!!
You were ignoring me for such a stupid reason?!
DON'T SAY IT'S STUPID!
LIKE I HAD A CHOICE! I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO APPROACH YOU AFTER THAT!
YOU COULD'VE JUST TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE PISSED!
COME TAKE IT OUT ON ME!
.....
IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE...

SINCE IT'S YOU WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, I BET YOU'VE MADE TONS OF FRIENDS OVER AT AOSE MINAMI, RIGHT?
NO NEED TO BE SO FIXATED ON ME.
AND ANYWAY...
TO YOU, I WAS PROBABLY A LOW-TIER FRIEND AT THE VERY MOST, RIGHT?

SMASH
ACK!!
He kicked it!!
HEY! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
To someone else's house!
DO ME A FAVOR AND SHUT UP YOU WISHY-WASHY BASTARD!!

OH NO...!!
They're gonna fight!!
blood lust
KNOW WHAT, YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU'RE JUST A LOW TIER!! GO TO HELL!
DON'T TELL ME WHERE TO GO!!
JERK!

HUH?!
Who's that?
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TUMP
...EARLIER TODAY ON THE TRAIN,
AMATOU-KUN LOOKED EXTREMELY HAPPY
WHEN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU, YUUSHIN-KUN...

"YUUSHIN WAS REALLY SOCIABLE- THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF ME",
"HE WAS A REALLY GREAT GUY",
"HE'S THE ONE I GOT ALONG WITH BEST" - ALL OF THOSE WERE THINGS HE SAID ABOUT YOU!
To Amatou-kun,
you are a precious friend! Defi-nitely!!
Defi-nitely!!

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OH! AND AT OUR LAST CHRISTMAS PARTY,
HE SHOWED ME A PICTURE OF YOU, SAYING "ISN'T HE COOL?"
MUFFLE
Cover
.....
I ALWAYS FELT
LIKE I WAS INFERIOR TO YOU, HARUTO.

Uh
...IS SHE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
NO WAY.
Smack
I'M SO STUPID, AREN'T I.
I GOT JEALOUS AND WORKED UP FOR NO REASON...
SORRY FOR SCARING YOU...
YOU MUST HAVE SCRAPED YOUR KNEES.
.....
I REALLY ADMIRE THAT SIDE OF YOU.
I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO DO THIS.
Such a gentle-man
HUH?
TAKE THIS.

I'M SAYING THAT YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO FELT INFERIOR.
HEY, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO HEAD HOME?
I'LL WALK YOU TO THE STATION.
HUH?!
HUH?!
Already?
BOW
Wait for me!

HARUTO!
WILL YOU BE HERE THIS SUMMER?
I JUST DECIDED THAT I WILL.
...I WILL.
OH, REALLY.
SEE YA, THEN!

That's what friends say to each other.
"See ya".
"See ya, then".
THE TRAIN WILL BE ARRIVING SHORTLY
PLEASE STAY BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE

This is okay, right? I'm sure...
If we take it step by step, everything will go back to how it was before.
"I WANT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH YUUSHIN TO BE BACK TO HOW IT WAS BEFORE".
...THAT WAS WHAT I WISHED ON WITH THIS FRIENDSHIP BRACELET.
.....
FOR NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL COME TRUE OR NOT,
BUT I'M GLAD I TALKED IT OUT WITH YUUSHIN. REALLY GLAD.
AND THAT'S THANKS TO YOU, NONO-YAMA-SAN.
And Beaver, too
...THANKS.

INCOMING TRAIN ON PLATFORM THREE...
Oh, there it is
WHAT DID YOU WISH FOR, NONOYAMA-SAN?
Ahh...
I THINK I'M GONNA CRY.
LET ME GUESS. I BET IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE "I WANT TO MAKE 100 FRIENDS", RIGHT?
LOL
OH, RIGHT!
I FORGOT YOU HAVE TO GO IN THE OTHER DIRECTION
HUH, YOU WISHED FOR SOMETHING ELSE, DIDN'T YOU?
I WISHED FOR YOUR WISH TO COME TRUE.
Oh
THANKS FOR HELPING ME WITH MY LUGGAGE!

.....
...WHAT?
HUH?
I SAID
I WISHED FOR
YOUR WISH TO
COME TRUE.
.....

THE TRAIN WILL BE DEPARTING SHORTLY
Arrrgh.
Summer break will start
after this door closes. I won't see Amatou-kun for a month...
Oh boy...
Uhh.
Isn't there anything I should say?
Err...
THE DOORS ARE CLOSING...
PSSSHHHH
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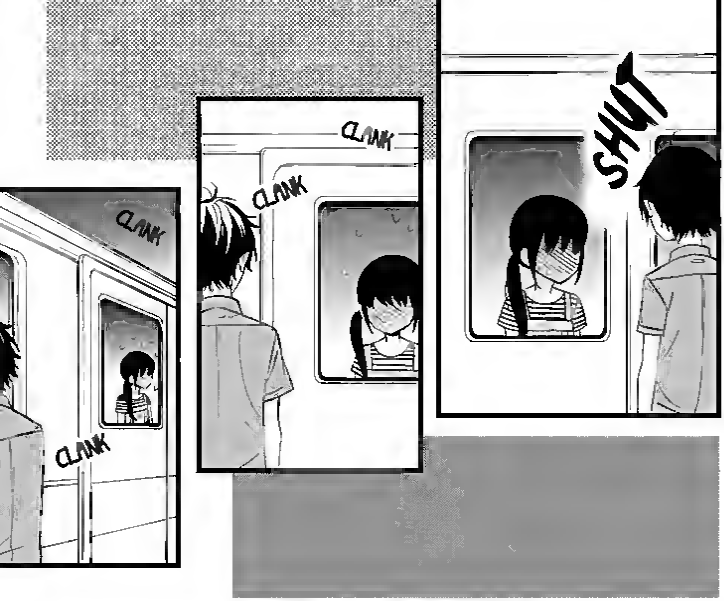
I LIKE YOU!


CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
SHUT

The train is moving
rumble rumble
...
giggle
giggle
What was that / a confession?
We just witnessed something amazing
It might have been on the spur of the moment...

A TRAIN WILL BE ARRIVING ON PLAT-FORM ONE SHORTLY...
But I'm glad I told him properly.

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CRAP...

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